

NO PRACTICAL man can examine the splendid agricultural lands tributary to the Florence canal without becoming an enthusiastic believer in the glorious future that awaits this valley. The broad acres are nearly as level as a floor, with a deep rich soil and fertile to a wonderful degree. The elevation is from fifty to seventy feet above the low valley, along the river, above the frosts and miasmatic influences that sometimes there prevail. Every foot of the land is capable of producing from two to four crops of fruits per year and it is the home of the grape, fig, olive, apricot, peach, plum, nectarine, almond, walnut and many other kinds of fruits and nuts, while the citrus fruits can also be grown with profit. During the entire year vegetables can be grown and the farmer is always busy with a corresponding increase of income. All these advantages are apparent to any ordinary observer and there is good ground for his enthusiasm. During the present year more than fifty thousand acres of new land will be cleared and put under cultivation and fully three times that quantity will be cultivated next year. All this activity and development will create a general prosperity in which the town of Florence will largely share. The outlook is further improved by the certainty that a railroad will reach Florence during the year, affording the best transportation facilities to the merchants and farmers. Bright indeed are the prospects of this valley, and lucky is the man who secures a tract of land under one of the canals before the price advances beyond his means.

It is reported that a very strong mining company has secured a group of the very promising gold mines at Riverside which will be opened extensively and a large mill erected for the reduction of ores. This will give a great impetus to mining matters in that favored section and build up a flourishing town at that place. Riverside is surrounded with good and permanent mines, many of which are sufficiently developed to demonstrate their value, and there can be no doubt of the bright future that the place will enjoy. Not only gold mines are found there, but large and rich deposits of copper and silver exist and there is room and material for dozens of companies to operate to advantage. The Riverside boom will be a big one.

THE Democratic Territorial convention held in Phoenix last Monday elected John C. Herndon of Prescott, and Geo. G. Berry of Tombstone, as delegates to the National Convention, with instructions to support the nomination of Grover Cleveland. The convention was not harmonious in a portion of its proceedings but the result of its deliberations meets with the approbation of its party friends throughout the Territory.

STAGE travel from the railroad has increased so greatly during the past month that the stage company contemplates putting on their large Concord coaches with four horses, and making the trip to Casa Grande in about three hours. The increase in travel is chiefly owing to the influx of strangers who come to seek homes in this valley.

POLITICAL matters are warming up in nearly every portion of the Territory excepting Pinal county, where the people are too deeply interested in a material progress approaching a "boom" to allow such subjects to divide their attention.

THERE is a disposition on the part of the United States senate to delay action upon the nomination of Melville W. Fuller to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, until after the next election, for partisan reasons.

THE firm of W. J. Coleman & Co., of San Francisco, has made an assignment. The liabilities aggregate two millions with assets double that sum.

POWDERLY exhibits good sense in opposing the turning of the Knights of Labor into a political party. Such action would be the signal of their decadence.

THE new Chinese treaty has been ratified by the senate without opposition. It is not entirely satisfactory to the people of the Pacific Coast.

PINAL county means to keep its position in the lead as the banner mining county of Arizona.

THE Emperor of Germany is reported to be again at death's door, and it is said that he must die.

THE rolling chestnut gathers no freshness.

SAN DIEGO points with metropolitan pride to a recent fire in Hamilton block involving a loss of a quarter of a million.

THE Hon. Mark Smith is evidently as strong for home rule as the rest of us are, if we may judge from a recent letter to a friend whom he supposed would be a delegate to the National Convention. In the letter referred to he writes: "I trust you will emphasize our demand for home rule, and still more strongly pledge compliance with that plank in the platform. I am going to St. Louis for no other purpose than to try to force a redemption of our home rule promises, by denouncing their open and notorious violation."—Prospector.

The oldest timers in the valley have never before seen a rain storm here in the month of May, and a lady who has observed the changes of weather closely during the last six years states that the earliest thunder storm during that time was on July 3rd, 1882.—Herald.

Ripe apricots were displayed in Phoenix on May 3d. Figs are also ripe.

GREAT MINES.

Immense Bodies of Ore Undergoing Development.—The Southern Districts Showing Wonderful Mineral Wealth.

The Bitterwell range of mountains thirty-five miles southwest of Casa Grande, are rapidly becoming famous for the quantity and richness of their ores. The Vekol and its contiguous splendid properties occupy the northern end of this short range, and continuing through its entire length mineral bodies are found in strong ledges in very many places.

In an almost isolated peak at the extreme southern end of the range, about three and one half miles in an air line from the Vekol, a group of mines is located that show immense bodies of ore of very satisfactory grade and quality. The ledges run through the mountain and across the gulches upon either side into the opposite hills, and the croppings in places are very bold. In fact their immense size has heretofore been the great obstacle to their development, for the slender means of the prospectors furnished such a great undertaking. Several shafts were sunk upon the Mastodon and Monarch, enough to show the character of the ore and its continuation through the mountain.

About one year ago, Col. Elmer A. Howard obtained a bond upon these mines and a few months later he formed the Monarch Mining and Milling Company in Kansas City, the wealthy real estate firm of Charles Matt & Co. being the principal stockholders. A camp was established and the work of exploitation commenced under the superintendence of Mr. J. A. Conlee. At the present time fifteen men are employed, working day and night shifts.

The developments, which constitute the systematic workings of the mines, began at the west end of the Monarch claim, on the side hill of the gulch, where a tunnel is being driven on the Monarch ledge with the intention of cutting the Mastodon ledge, lying parallel with that of the Monarch. This tunnel is now in a distance of 200 feet, all in ore, and a progress of from ten to fifteen feet are made in the hard rock each week.

Sixty feet from the mouth of the tunnel is a south drift of 40 feet cutting through the ore body to the south wall, which is limestone, and ten feet beyond a north drift of 30 feet reaches the north wall of granite, showing the ledge to be over fifty feet wide at this point. Two drifts have been started at a point 200 feet from the mouth of the tunnel, one north and the other south. A winze for ventilation has been sunk to tap the tunnel 125 feet from the mouth; it is fifty feet deep and passed through ore all the way, proving the existence of an ore body at least fifty feet wide, fifty feet deep and two hundred feet long, the ore of which will average over \$40 per ton in gold and silver, the former predominating. The value of the ore may be safely gauged by the fact that an impartial sample of one hundred pounds from the waste dump gave \$43.69 in gold and silver, and there are between 600 and 700 tons of this character of ore that has come from the tunnels and drifts. No dead work is necessary, as all the workings are in ore of this character.

East of the Monarch claim is the Leona, upon which but little work has been done other than to show the continuance of the ore body through it.

These three claims are calculated to supply a mill to be erected at the present camp, a little over half a mile down the gulch, to which a tramway will likely be built.

A substantial boarding house, office and assay office have been erected and the foundation of a permanent camp has been laid.

Mr. J. H. Hughes is the foreman, and he is not only a thorough miner but a very pleasant and agreeable gentleman, conservative in his statements regarding the property and discreet in all its business affairs.

The mineral belt upon which the above properties are situated has been located for a distance of two or three miles, all the croppings showing a uniform quality of ore.

The east extensions of these properties are Chicago and Kansas City claims and south of the Mastodon is the Mineral World, owned by Messrs. E. A. Howard, Frank Williams, Jere Fryer and D. R. Sablin. It lies to the south of and parallel with the Chicago, with the latter as a north extension and by Chance the south extension. Upon the Mineral World there is a cut of twenty feet and a shaft of fifteen feet, all in a big body of rich ore that grows richer with depth. This property gives a big showing for the amount of development and it gives promise of becoming one of the greatest mines in the Territory.

The group of mines on this side (eastern) of the mountain will furnish ore for another mill which can be so located that the ore from the mines upon both sides of the gulch can be run from the tunnels direct to the mill without re-handling.

Water, of course, must be developed, and the success so far attending every effort in this line in that vicinity gives the most ample assurance that an abundance will be found at a reasonable depth. The ore is all free milling, the quartz being iron-stained, close-grained and somewhat hard.

It is the intention of the owners to put a force of men on the Mineral World to push the work of development. They realize that the property is a very valuable one and they wish to thoroughly develop it before making a sale.

Southwest of the Mastodon Mr. Chris Johnson has a very promising claim called the Golden West, from which he is taking and packing ore that will mill several hundred ounces in silver per ton. He will have a sample lot worked at the Vekol mill for a good test of its value.

All the above valuable claims are clustered in two or three peaks at the south end of the Bitterwell mountains, and constitute a compact body of mineral such as few mining regions can show. The ore is all of a good average grade and none will run below a working value of \$40 per ton. With the introduction of ready capital for development and reduction of the ore there is no reason why these mines should not speedily become famous for their output of bullion and a camp of considerable magnitude spring up. The only requisite now remaining to be determined is the depth of the ore bodies, which will demonstrate their worth as well as their permanency.

The company operating these mines, as well as the individuals owning adjacent claims, are to be congratulated upon the good fortune that is in store for them, for the counterpart of these mines are scarcely to be found in any country.

Mr. John W. Rannels went down to Tucson on Thursday.

How to Catch \$300,000 at Fortunes Hand.

As the sun rises and sets daily with equal regularity, so the drawings of the Louisiana State Lottery occur; so the 25th Grand Monthly Drawing was at New Orleans, La., on Tuesday (always Tuesday), April 10th, when large money prizes were sent hither and yon over the world. It may interest you to glance at the result: The First Capital Prize of \$150,000 was won by No. 12,615 and was sold in two half tickets at \$5 each, sent through office at Washington, D. C., to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La.; one of \$75,000 was paid through First Nat'l Bank, of Pittsburgh, Pa., to Col. W. H. Barclay, the U. S. Pension Agent there; the other half was paid the Adams Express for George Gregg and three other workers in an India rubber factory—neighbors—at No. 2,938 Alter St. Philadelphia, Pa. No. 19,862 drew the Second Capital Prize of \$50,000 sold in fractional tickets at \$1 each, sent to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La.; one paid to J. Hall, Richmond, Va.; one to Charles F. Morse, No. 880 Harrison Ave., Boston, Mass.; one to the Nat'l Bank of the Republic, Washington, D. C.; one to R. J. Humphreys, Santa Rosa, through the Pacific Bank of San Francisco, Cal.; one to Thos. Fair, Philadelphia, Pa.; one to W. A. Francis, Salem, Va.; one to Wm. Severance, Lebanon, Ky.; one to a depositor through Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco, Cal.; one to a party in Detroit, Mich., etc., etc. No. 10,079 drew the Third Capital Prize of \$50,000, which was sold to a party in New Orleans, La., whose name is withheld by request. Nos. 30,629 and 85,175 each drew one of the two Fourth Capital Prizes of \$10,000, which were scattered around promiscuously. Be sure to participate in the Grand Quarterly and 217th Grand Monthly Drawing at New Orleans, La., on June 12th, 1888. Do not let the opportunity to seize \$300,000 at Fortunes hand escape you.

Tombstone Epitaphs.

Our Presbyterian friends will entertain the public within a week or so with a novelty in church entertainments called a "Crazy Social." A commission de lunaticus inquiring will not be necessary for those who desire to attend, but nevertheless all will be repaid for attending.

For the protection of his creditors, H. K. Tweed made an assignment this week to Ben Goodrich, Esq. The liabilities are \$31,000, and the assets as follows: Real estate, \$8,000; goods in store, \$14,000 and outstanding accounts \$29,147.86. The store opened for business this morning.

It seems to be tolerably well settled that a railroad in the near future will be built, either by the Valley, Topical and Santa Fe, from Fairbank to the city, or by the Southern Pacific from Benson. The best route is without doubt from Benson to Tombstone. It is at least four miles shorter than by Fairbank, and with easy grades from here to the mouth of Bisbee canon, in the Sulphur Spring Valley. It would accommodate Bisbee, and do all the business from that enterprising burg. It will also open up the rich Sulphur Spring Valley, and from there by easy grades and light work to the Guadalupe Canon, where it would receive all the traffic from Oposura, and the thickly settled country of Northern Sonora, Mexico. Continuing its course through San Simon Valley, it could connect with the main line at or near Deming.

Phoenix News.

Harvesting and threshing are in progress in the valley.

School district No. 2. (Osborn's) have voted a tax of \$1500 to build a brick school house.

The Bank of Hartford building is without doubt the finest building of its size in Arizona, and the interior is as tasteful and elegant as any house in the entire southwest.—Arizona.

The recent city election at Phoenix resulted in the choice of A. Leonard Meyer for Mayor; J. W. Blair-Kenship, Marshal; W. R. Morris, Treasurer; John H. Burges, Councilman, First Ward; E. M. Mills, Councilman, Fourth Ward.

W. H. Thomas came in this morning from his "Contention" Mine, which property is now in a fine state of development, there being, in all, some 400 feet of drifting and 331 feet of shafting on the ledge, thus opening up and rendering available an estimated bulk of 20,000 tons of ore. The mine is rich in sulphurates in addition to free gold, and Mr. Thomas has recently made some extraordinary tests of the ore in all these shafts, mixed in equal proportions with a result of \$25 to \$35 per ton of free gold.—Herald.

Mr. Chas. Holborn of Florence, was in the city yesterday and spoke enthusiastically of the future of Pinal County which he believes to be great and of which Florence is the capital. All available lands are fast being taken up and extensively improved. Property has increased in value and the demand for profitable investments is greater than ever. The rush of emigration has turned that way and four horse coaches have been put on between Casa Grande and Florence. These they hope to replace in due time with a Pullman car and a locomotive. This accomplished a bold bid will be made for the removal of the Capital of the Territory from the blizzard hills of Yavapai to the winsome valley of the Gila. The railroad project is now under consideration and hopes are entertained of its early consummation. Florence on account of its central and very advantageous position is bound to play an important part in the future of the territory. Easy of access and rich in varied resources her aspirations are in keeping with them.

Messrs. Geo. A. Stone & Co., have temporarily closed their saloon opposite the Florence hotel. The building is to be rebuilt and repaired.

A new and larger bell has been received for the public school house, to take the place of the defective one that has done cracked duty for the past few months.

Mrs. Wm. E. Guild and two children left on Thursday for a summer's visit to New York. Mr. Guild accompanied them as far as Tucson.

Mr. W. J. Bly brought his family down from Pinal this week and they now occupy their new frame residence near the school house.

Mr. J. J. Devine is building an addition of two rooms to his house on Pinal street.

Col. Elmer A. Howard is now in charge of the Monarch mining and milling company's affairs at the mines.

Mr. F. E. McCrary went to Tucson on a short visit this week.

Messrs. J. P. Gabriel and Louis Dupuy came down from Riverside yesterday.

Mr. D. B. Dodson was down from Dudleyville yesterday.

A TELEPHONE.

Hello!
Well!
Is that you, Brown?
Yes; is that you, Calderon?
Yes.
Well, what is it?

Well, Brown, are you going to Phenix to serve on the GRAND JURY, or are you going to

RITTENHOUSE'S
TO LOOK AT THE NEW GOODS?

Well, that depends upon what you have in stock.

Well, Brown, don't give it away, b it I struck some Bargains in San Francisco.

Good boy; tell us all about it.

In Light Summer Fabrics,

The Latest designs, styles and patterns I secured at SPOT CASH.

An Elegant Line of

--TARLATANS--

India Linens---an entirely new fabric on this Coast, and DIRECT FROM THE EAST---
In every variety of Shade, color and pattern.

Victoria Lawns, MULLS, Bishop Lawns,
CREPE DE CHINE,

Well, I did not catch what you said then.

Say, Brown, is your hearing becoming defective? I SAID that the Rittenhouse Estate

Had Bought
Spot Cash
500 Pieces

Assorted Lawns of every imaginable pattern including Vertical, Horizontal and Diagonal Stripes

Leaf, Twig and Rose patterns, Fancy figured, wide narrow and hair stripes

ALL TO BE SOLD

16 yards for

1.00

DOTTED SWISSES.

Something entirely new to THIS MARKET.
They are novelties and are bound to please

GENUINE FRENCH LAWN

Only a few pieces in the market these I secured. They are all solid colors and for richness and elegance cannot be surpassed.

What did you say, Sit Down?

No, I said SATTEENS—

Well, what about them?

Well, I secured 25 pieces in Solids, Prints, Fancy, Flowers, Sprigs and Vine patterns, the most beautiful of this class of goods ever put on the market.

Say, Brown!

Well!

Tell Mrs. Blank that we have secured an entirely new fabric known as Kyber Cloth, a delightful summer habiliment, in Pine Cone, Fern Leaf and Rose Bud patterns. These goods are the leanest novelties in the east and are all the rage.

PLUSH TABLE COVERS,

A Novelty in House Furnishing.

New Laces, Oriental, Valenciennes, Spanish Lace and Tinsel Fichus, Fancy Pattern Ribbons the latest agony

Latest Novelties in

Buttons

Whale Bone Casing

Dress Extenders

Fine Assorted Fans

Linen & Turkish Towels

Embroidered Robes.

Belts

Summer Jerseys

Ladies Collars & Cuffs

Parasols

Bed Spreads

Langtry Bustles

Ladies Underwear

A full, new and complete LINE, 25 dozen at 50c. The greatest Bargain Offered. An immense line of

PLAIN AND FANCY BORDER HANDKERCHIEFS,

150 Dozen Ladies', Misses and Children's HOSE, all of the latest style, design and finish, including the celebrated ZIGZAG STRIPE.

A full line of the newest designs in Fancy Colored Embroidered Edgings and Insertions. And in Ladies' Fine Shoes, I have—

Hold on, Calderon; I have the ear ache. Wait until next week and tell me about your Boots and Shoes.

All right. Good bye Brown,

Good bye

RITTENHOUSE.